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1886

—OF THE—

# SELECTMEN,

—AND OTHER—

## TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE TOWN OF—

# HOLDERNESS,

—FOR THE—

**Year Ending March 1st, 1886.**

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MEREDITH, N. H.:  
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1886.



## ==SELECTMEN'S REPORT.==

THE SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF  
HOLDERNESS.

1885.

DR.

To amount received Wm. M. Wallace in set- tlement of the estate of Phebe G. Brown,	\$225 00
Feb. 20, To amount received of State Treasurer as fol- lows:	
Railroad Tax,	16 94
Savings Bank Tax,	315 46
Literary Fund,	81 74
Bounty on wild animals,	36 50
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	\$675 64

PAID N. B. WHITTEEN, Treasurer.

CR.

Dec. 12, Amount received of Wm. Wallace, for Phebe G. Brown estate,	\$225 00
Feb. 20, Railroad Tax,	16 94
Savings Bank Tax,	315 46
Literary Fund,	81 74
Bounty on wild animals,	36 50
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	\$675 64

PAID TOWN EXPENSES BY ORDER.

1885.

Apr. 22, Geo. F. Sanborn, printing town reports, G. H. H. Silsby & Son, highway books,	\$15 00 3 92
May 28, J. B. Huckins, incidental charges for adver- tising D. F. & J. C. Moore island,	6 58

May 28, N. P. Boynton, woodchuck bounty,	\$4 60
"      " tax bills, collector's book and postage,	1 67
July 6, B. F. Jewell, woodchuck bounty,	9 10
8, N. P. Boynton, " "	3 80
"      " order book, postage and stationery,	1 89
Aug. 11, B. F. Jewell, woodchuck bounty,	6 00
25, N. P. Boynton, "      " in full to Aug. 11,	2 20
L. B. Sanborn, "      "      "      "      "      "	10 80
Sept. 19, N. P. Boynton, cash expense, postage and stationery,	3 31
N. P. Boynton, boarding Selectmen to date,	10 00
Dec. 7, C. A. Jewell, council,	2 00
N. P. Boynton, stationery,	75
11, J. B. Huckins, services as Moderator, 1885, 1886.	2 00
Feb. 13, Nahum B. Shaw, services as Supervisor, '85,	10 00
20, Wm. M. Wallace, "      "      "	4 50
Marcus M. Sargent, care Town House and furnishing key and wood for same,	6 40
E. J. Sleeper, board of Phebe G. Brown, from Dec. 7 to Feb. 22,	22 00
Charles L. True, services as S. S. Committee,	39 00
N. B. Whitten, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	55 00
N. B. Whitten, sundry charges,	19 75
N. P. Boynton, balance to pay State Tax,	1 36
22, Noah P. Boynton, services as Selectman, not including Livermore Bridge case,	60 00
Luther B. Sanborn, services as Selectman, not including Livermore Bridge case,	45 00
Benj. F. Jewell, services as Selectman, not in- cluding Livermore Bridge case,	50 00
Noah P. Boynton, use horse and carriage,	4 00
24, George F. Cummings, services as Supervisor, from Nov. 5, 1884, to Feb. 6, 1886,	4 00
N. B. Whitten, discount on cost of Collector's sale May 31, 1883,	3 53
26, Noah P. Boynton, board Town officers,	6 00
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	\$414 16

PAID ROADS AND BRIDGES BY ORDER.

1885.

Mar. 14,	Charles R. Berry, labor in District No. 9,	\$3 78
Apr. 4,	Charles S. Greenleaf, " " 10,	6 50
16,	E. C. Bennett, " " 9,	25 00
22,	Harrison Carr, " " 3,	7 30
30,	George H. Chase, " " 10,	21 25
May 28,	C. H. Berry, " " 5,	1 00
	Geo. W. Mooney, " " 9,	1 75
	" " " 8,	3 25
	" L. W. Mooney's bill, No. 8, 9	00
	John S. Perkins, labor in District No. 5,	2 40
	Benj. F. Jewell, " " 8, and damage to plow.	6 75
June 9,	Wm. M. Wallace, labor in District No. 8,	14 60
17,	Enoch Cousins, for plank, " 11,	12 45
15,	E. C. Bennett, labor in " 9,	5 75
July 6,	Stephen D. Bennett, " " 9,	22 07
	John H. Clark, " " 9,	3 08
8,	Noah P. Boynton, repair, washout, " 8,	55 11
11,	Charles L. True, labor in " 9,	1 50
	Larkin E. Bennett, " " 9,	1 50
	B. B. Willoughby, " " 9,	75
16,	John S. Perkins, sharpening drills,	45
Aug. 1,	J. S. Piper, labor on his road,	7 50
11,	Noah P. Boynton, to settle bills in 5 and 8,	20 73
22,	Luther B. Sanborn, labor in District No. 3,	3 50
	" " " on Mountain road,	2 50
25,	Geo. W. Marden, labor in District No. 8,	80
29,	Geo. W. Mooney, loss of mare,	25 00
Sept. 11,	Geo. H. Chase, labor in District No. 10,	4 17
12,	Stephen Dinsmore, " " 9,	9 90
Nov. 20,	Lemuel P. Cochran, watering trough, '85,	2 00
28,	Ira M. Jones, " '84-'85,	4 00
	Isaac H. Smith, repairing washout. Dis. 7,	25 00
30,	Geo. H. Chase, in full for labor in " 10,	7 85
Dec. 2,	Frank H. Chick, sharpening drills, " 5,	1 95
7,	Harrison Carr, use watering trough, '85,	2 00
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Jan. 11,	Walter W. Smith, use of watering trough, '85,	1 00
19,	Edward B. Lowd, plank and timber, No. 11,	3 22
	Stephen M. Worthen, " " 3,	2 25
	Charles Palmer, labor on his bridge.	1 12

Jan. 19, Luther B. Sanborn, labor on Palmer bridge,	\$1 63
30, Henry H. Shepard, by lumber and plank, by order of J. S. Perkins, in District No. 5,	8 22
Feb. 13, Nahum B. Shaw, use of watering trough, '85,	3 00
19, Moody C. Mudgett, plank in District No. 1,	26 97
"      "      use of watering trough, '85,	2 00
20, Wm. M. Wallace, labor on Mountain road,	2 25
Marcus M. Sargent, use of watering trough, '85,	1 00
D. S. Hawkins, " " "	2 00
"      "      use hammer and drills in No. 5,	1 50
Geo. L. Shepard, labor in District No. 5,	40
Edwin J. Sleeper, use two watering troughs, '85,	3 00
E. C. Bennett, breaking roads, District No. 9,	26 25
"      "      working F. P. Hurd tax, " 9, 2 00	
Thomas B. Rogers, labor in " 8, 3 43	
Stephen D. Bennett, " " 9, 11 00	
Charles R. Berry, " " 9, 3 10	
Benj. J. Mudgett labor, plank and timber in Union District, H. and C. H.,	3 00
N. B. Whitten, powder, fuse and spikes as per bill, for Dist's 4, 5, 7 and 8,	6 95
Ebenezer Howe, damage to plow in No. 8,	1 24
N. P. Boynton, damage to horse in Dis. No. 3, July 7th, 1885,	10 00
24, Stephen M. Worthen, watering trough, '85,	2 00
John S. Davison, " " 2 00	
26, Town of Plymouth, one-half expense lighting Pemigewasset bridge, 1885,	10 50
Luther B. Sanborn, repairing highway, No. 9,	2 00
O. H. P. Craig, use watering trough, '85,	2 00
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	\$467 17

1886. PAID SHEEP DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Feb. 20, Joseph F. True, one sheep killed,	\$5 00
Harrison Mudgett, one lamb, "	4 00
22, Wm. H. Felch, one sheep "	4 00
H. J. Beede, " "	5 00
N. P. Boynton, " "	5 00
Mrs. James Piper, " "	5 00
23, Eddie H. Priest, " "	5 00
Albert A. Brown, " "	5 00
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	\$38 00

PAID SCHOOL HOUSE TAX DISTRICT NO 1.  
1885.

July 6, N. P. Boynton, agent, \$25 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

1886.

Feb. 17, Paid the several School Districts in full to date,	\$641 75
Literary Fund of 1885,	81 74
Districts 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 11 the unexpended Literary Fund of 1884,	42 03
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	\$765 52

PAID PAUPER BILLS.

1885.

Oct. 31, Jesse Curry, Overseer, to date,	\$2 95
1885.	
Nov. 10, Charles R. Cox, Overseer,	\$50 00
1886.	
Jan. 19,        "        "        "	75 00
Mar. 2,        "        "        "	51 13
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	\$176 13

RECAPITULATION.

Indebtedness of the Town March 1, 1886.

Outstanding notes and interest, \$2927 12

ASSETS.

Due from County,	\$ 40 00
Uncollected tax of 1885,	270 37
"        " 1884,	172 36
"        " 1883,	21 27
"        " 1882,	114 07
Money in Town Treasury,	1186 35
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	\$1804 42
Balance against the town,	\$1122 70

Respectfully submitted,

NOAH P. BOYNTON, } Selectmen  
LUTHER B. SANBORN, } of  
BENJ. F. JEWELL, } Holderness.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN DINSMORE, Auditor.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JOHN S. DAVISON, Collector of Taxes, in account with the Town of Holderness, for the year 1885.

	DR.
To State, County, Town and School taxes,	\$2,951 47
Non-resident tax,	385 25
" Highway tax,	279 24
School House tax in District No. 1,	24 91
Dog tax,	79 00
Unworked Highway tax, 1884,	103 98
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	\$3,823 85
	CR.
By paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	\$3,247 12
Non-resident Highway tax worked out,	272 27
Abatements,	24 09
" " on Dogs,	10 00
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Amount uncollected,	\$270 37

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. DAVISON, Collector.

## OVERSEER'S REPORT.

D. H. Cox, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Town of Holderness.

1885.	DR.
Feb. 25, To cash received of N. B. Whitten, Treas.,	\$25 00
	CR.
Mar. 2, R. W. Ladd, coffin and robe for Mrs.	
Chas. Drew,	\$12 00
Feb. 1886, N. B. Whitten, Treas.,	5 25

Respectfully submitted for D. H. Cox, deceased, by C. R. Cox, Overseer.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of D. H. Cox, Overseer, 1884, and find them correct.

STEPHEN DINSMORE, Auditor.

J. CURRY, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Town of Holderness.

TO CASH RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

1885.		Dr.
Apr. 14,	To cash of Town Treasurer,	\$50 00
May 2,	" "	25 00
July 4,	" "	30 00
27,	" "	40 00
Sept. 10,	" "	25 00
Oct. 6,	" "	50 00
7,	" "	25 00
31,	" "	50 00
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		\$295 00

BY CASH PAID AS FOLLOWS:

1885.		Cr.
May 17,	S. D. Eastman, support Luther Webber, from Feb. 29 to May 17,	\$11 00
Apr. 14,	C. A. Boynton, support M. J. Burleigh, 6 weeks to April 12,	15 00
May 2,	W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from Feb. 29 to May 3,	22 50
18,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from April 11 to May 17,	21 50
June 20,	W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from May 2 to June 21,	17 50
July 12,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from June 14 to July 13,	10 00
27,	W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from June 20 to July 17,	10 00
	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from July 12 to July 27,	5 00
Sept. 1,	W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from July 18 to Aug. 31,	15 00
	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from July 26 to Aug. 24,	10 00
Aug. 24,	Dr. Spaulding, balance on bill for medical aid for Ira W. Cox.	7 00
Sept. 10,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from Aug. 23 to Sept. 10,	5 72
	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from June 11 to June 15.	1 08

Oct.	5,	S. C. Drew, support Grace L. Drew, from Aug. 31 to Oct. 7,	\$10 00
	7,	Supplies furnished Wm. Gilpatrick,	65 40
	6,	C. A. Jewell, for affidavit,	1 00
	5,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from Sept. 9 to Sept. 24,	5 00
	7,	W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from Aug. 30 to Sept. 28,	10 00
	9,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from Sept. 23 to Oct. 8,	5 00
Nov.	4,	C. A. Boynton, support of M. J. Burleigh, from Oct. 7 to Oct. 22,	5 00
Oct.	30,	T. B. Sanborn, support of H. M. Horn, from April 30 to May 1,	17 50
		E. C. Eastman, receipt book,	36
		B. F. Jewell, horse and carriage,	1 00
		E. Howe,      "	1 38
		W. B. Lowe,      "	1 50
		D. H. Willoughby,      "	1 00
		W. B. Lowe, horse and carriage,	50
		"      "      "	2 00
		"      "      "	1 00
		B. F. Jewell,      "	1 00
		Postage and stationery,	32
		J. Curry, services as Overseer of the Poor,	21 75
Nov.	6,	N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	1 50
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			\$296 51

Respectfully submitted for Jesse Curry, deceased, by  
C. R. Cox, Overseer.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Jesse Curry,  
Overseer, Nov. 10, 1885, and find them correct.

STEPHEN DINSMORE, Auditor.

C. R. Cox, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Town  
of Holderness from Nov. 6, 1885, to Feb. 25, 1886.

1885. TO CASH RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:				DR.
Nov.	9,	To cash of County Treasurer.		\$140 38
	10,	"      Town	"	50 00
Jan.	19,	"      "	"	75 00
Mar.	2,	"      "	"	51 13
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				\$316 51

BY CASH PAID AS FOLLOWS:	CR.
W. W. Smith, support of N. P. Huckins, from Sept. 28, 1885, to Feb. 15, 1886,	\$50 00
S. C. Drew, support of Grace L. Drew, from Oct. 6, 1885, to Feb. 4, 1886,	36 00
N. B. Whitten, Treasurer.	140 38
C. A. Boynton, support M. J. Burleigh, from May 17, to June 14, 1885, and from Oct. 22, 1885, to Jan. 28, 1886.	43 92
T. B. Sanborn, support of H. B. Horn, from Nov. 2, 1885, to March 8, 1886,	12 50
E. J. Sleeper, support of Alfred A. Prescott, from Dec. 28, 1885, to March 8, 1886,	7 50
J. L. Wilson, for consultation and advice, for J. Curry, Stationery and Stamps,	1 00
Expenses,	2 21
C. R. Cox, as services,	2 00
	<u>23 00</u>
	<u>\$316 51</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Cox, Overseer of the Poor.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of C. R. Cox,  
Overseer of Poor, and find them correct.

STEPHEN DINSMORE, Auditor.

## =TREASURER'S REPORT.=

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Holderness.

	DR.
To cash on hand, Feb. 27, 1885.	\$340 12
Received of J. B. Huckins, Collector, 1884.	539 09
"    J. S. Davison, "	3,247 12
"    C. R. Cox, Overseer,	140 38
"    Jesse Curry, "	1 50
"    Selectmen, Phebe G. Brown money,	225 00
"        money due on D. H. Cox, ac.	5 25
"    H. B. Greenleaf, Collector, 1882.	9 00
"    Selectmen, Railroad Tax,	16 94
"        "    Savings Bank Tax.	315 46

By received Literary Fund,	\$81 74
"    Bounty on Wild Animals,	36 50
"    Selectmen, orders for bal. State Tax,	1 36
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	\$4,959 46
	C.R.
By paid on Town notes,	\$660 27
"    orders,	2206 40
"    J. S. Davison, County Tax.	454 44
"    State Tax,	452 00
Cash in treasury to balance,	1,186 35
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	\$4,959 46

TOWN DEBT ON NOTES TO MARCH 1ST, 1886.

Ellen W. Smith,	\$342 06
Josie A. Cox,	89 79
Hannah P. Merrill,	1,146 73
Mabel A. Watson,	7 29
Angie B. S. Worthen,	609 65
Jane L. Severance,	223 08
Ruth P. Cox,	335 18
George W. Mooney,	53 90
Stephen Ethridge,	90 84
Nancy Ethridge,	28 60
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Amount,	\$2,927 12

The debt might have been still further reduced to \$2,000. or less, but for the pending action of the Campton Bridge case.

Respectfully submitted.

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined N. B. Whitten's account and find it well vouched for and correct.

STEPHEN DINSMORE, Auditor.

## —SCHOOL REPORT.—

DISTRICT No. 1. Two terms. Summer term taught by Mrs. Angie B. S. Worthen. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 9. Number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic, 11; geography, 5; grammar, 4; history, 6; algebra, 1. Second term taught by Miss Ida A. Willoughby. Length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 10; average, 9. Number attending to reading, spelling and arithmetic, 10; penmanship, 9; geography, 7; grammar, 4; history, 4; algebra, 1. This school is not surpassed by any in town. There were two causes for having a good school in this district; namely, good teachers and the co-operation of the parents. During the summer term the school-room was decorated with evergreen and flowers. The winter term was prolonged beyond what was raised by the town and the district tax to the amount of \$18.50.

DISTRICT No. 2. Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Mira C. Cox. Length of school, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 12. Number attending to reading and spelling, 12; arithmetic, 9; penmanship, 7; geography, 7; composition, 1. Winter term taught by Miss Mary E. Calley. Length of term, 18 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 10. Number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music, 13; composition, 4; grammar, 2. This district is under the supervision of the superintendent of Ashland, but was visited by your committee. The examination at the close of the summer term showed good progress. Owing to the bad traveling I was unable to visit the winter term at its close but have reason to believe it was a perfect success.

DISTRICT No. 3. Two terms. Summer term of 6 weeks taught by Miss Rosa R. Sanborn. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 15. Number attending to reading and spelling, 16; penmanship and arithmetic, 13; geography, 8. Fall term taught by C. L. True. Length of term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 18. Number attending to reading and spelling, 20; arithmetic, 14; geography, grammar and physiology, 5; alge-

bra, 2; book-keeping, 1. During the summer term the scholars made good progress. Miss Sanborn ranks among our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 4. Two terms taught by Mrs. Laura J. Shaw. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Length of first term, 5 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 17. Number attending to reading and spelling, 20; arithmetic, 17; penmanship, 12; geography, 11; history, 3. Length of second term, 5 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 15. Number attending to reading and spelling, 16; arithmetic, 13; geography, 12; penmanship, 10; history, 1. This school is equal to any in town. The town-house, although unfit for school purposes, was made to look quite pleasant by the arrangement of evergreen and bouquets, and the presence of a large number of the parents at the close, showed that they were interested in the school.

DISTRICT No. 5. One term taught by Miss Clara C. Perkins. Length of school, 17 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 23; average, 16. Number attending to reading, 23; spelling, 19; arithmetic, 18; penmanship, 13; geography, 15; grammar, 4; history, 3. The closing examination was satisfactory, although a number were absent.

DISTRICT No. 6. One term taught by Miss Carrie E. Drake. Length of school, 10.8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$26. Whole number of pupils, 8; average, 6. Number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic, 8; geography, 6; composition, 5; grammar, 4. Miss Drake is a teacher of experience and high standing. The school was very profitable to all.

DISTRICT No. 7. Two terms taught by Miss Callie C. Burbank. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Length of summer term, 6 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 12. Number attending to reading and spelling, 13; arithmetic, geography and penmanship, 10; grammar, 6. Length of fall term, 11.6 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 11; average, 10. Number attending to reading and spelling, 11; penmanship and arithmetic, 9; geography 8; grammar, 6. This school ranks among the first.

DISTRICT No. 8. One term taught by Miss Lilly M. Worthen. Length of school, 11 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$17.40. Whole number of pupils, 4; average, 3. Number attending to reading, spelling, pen-

manship and arithmetic, 4; geography, 1. The school although small was well instructed.

DISTRICT No. 9. Two terms taught by Miss Evelyn S. Lane. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$14. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 14. Number attending to reading and spelling, 16; penmanship, 12; arithmetic, 10; geography and grammar, 6; physiology, 2. Length of Fall term, 11 weeks. No. pupils, 16; average, 13. Reading and spelling, 16; penmanship, 12; arithmetic, 10; geography and grammar, 6; physiology, 2. At the closing examination the scholars did nicely, and the school gave general satisfaction. The parents showed an interest in their children by having a private school after the district money had been expended.

DISTRICT No. 10. One term taught by Miss Cora L. Colby. Length of school, 10.8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$14. Whole number of pupils, 4; average, 3. Number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic and geography, 4. This school was injured by trouble among the parents in the district.

DISTRICT No. 11. Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Clara C. Perkins. Length of term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 16; average, 12. Number attending to reading and spelling, 16; arithmetic, 10; penmanship, 7; grammar, 2; physiology, 4; geography and composition, 1. Winter term taught by C. L. True. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24. Whole number of pupils, 21; average 19. Number attending to reading and spelling, 21; arithmetic, 17; grammar, 7; geography, 5; physiology, 4; book-keeping, 2; history and analysis of civil government, 1. During the summer term the scholars made good progress, although the room is unfit for school purposes. Not one of the parents living in the district visited the school during the year.

ROLL OF HONOR. District No. 1. First term, Georgie G. Boynton. Second term, Lura H. A. Burleigh.

District No. 2. First term, Alden Calley, Willie Gilpatrick, Herbert Jones, Sidney McKean, Leland Mitchell, Harry Perry, Hattie Calley, Minnie Gilpatrick. Second term, Belle Mitchell, Leland Mitchell, Hattie M. Calley.

District No. 3. First term, Lena Worthen, Nona Sanborn, Geo. S. Wiggins, Frank Rogers. Winter term, Geo. S. Wiggins.

District No. 4. First term, Emily E. Sargent, Eva M. Sargent, Ethel F. Sargent, Eloise L. Shaw, Tilden Evans, Lionel B. Shaw. Second term, Emily E. Sargent, Eva M. Sargent, Ethel F. Sargent, Viola V. Evans, Mary E. Evans, Eloise L. Shaw, Tilden Evans, Nicholas Evans, Lionel B. Shaw.

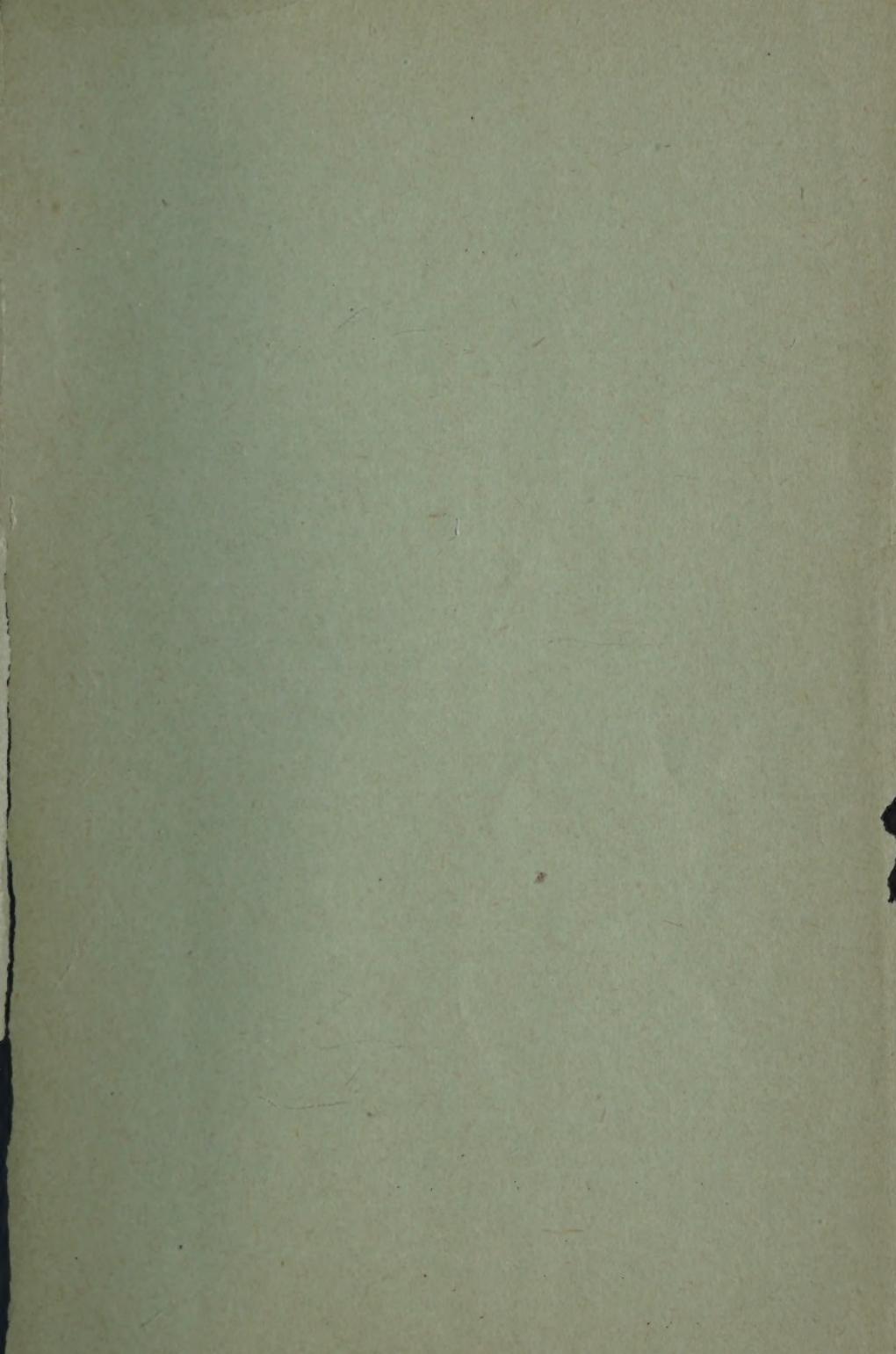
District No. 7. First term, Hattie A. Greener, Clara E. Jones, Fannie M. Piper, Lella B. Piper, Nina J. Piper, Carrie M. Piper. Second term, Hattie A. Greener, Emma L. Greener, Nina J. Piper, Erving L. Dow.

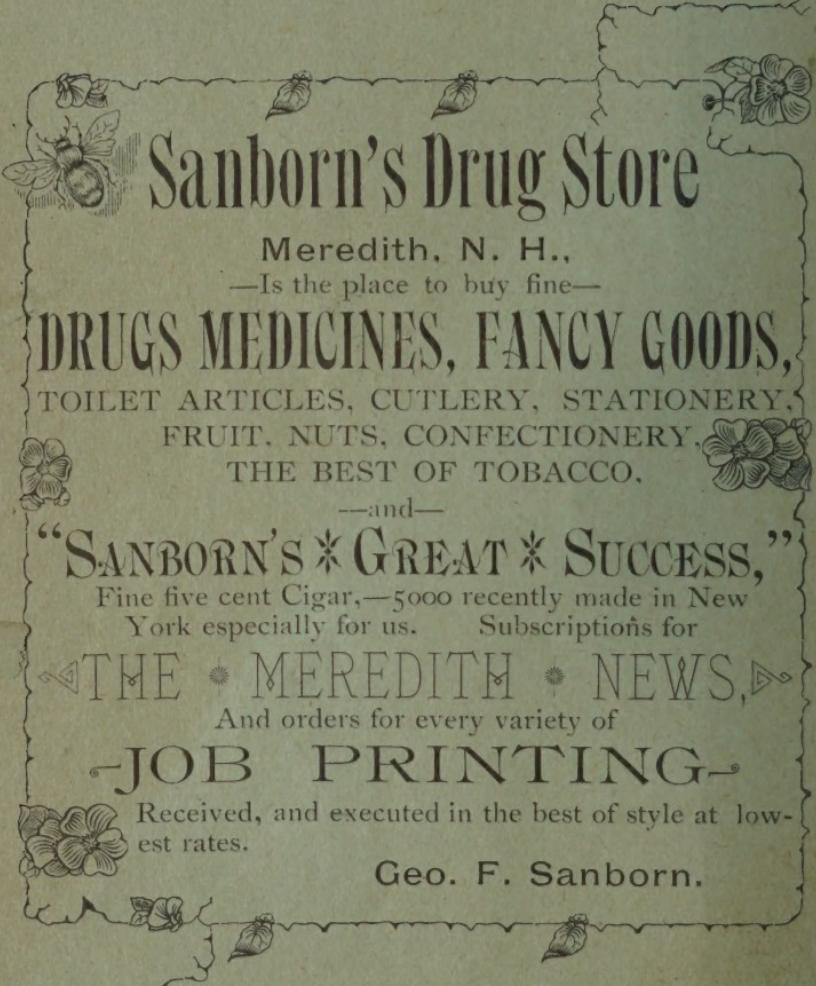
District No. 9. Summer term. Edna M. Bennett, Mark H. Bennett. District No. 10. Jennie A. Chase.

The schools as a whole throughout the year have been successful. Some would have made better progress if the parents had shown more interest and lent a helping hand instead of speaking in disparagement of the school. How many help their children in their studies at home? We often hear parents say, "We try to have our children study evenings but they will not." Parents, if your children will not obey you at home in this respect, what can you expect the teacher to do? If you hear that the school is not what it ought to be, you should visit it often and ascertain the truth of the matter before starting a rumor. If you were paying a man for taking care of your dumb beasts, and you should hear that he was not feeding them as he ought to, that he was allowing them to hook and kick each other, would you sit down at home or at a neighbor's, and find fault and wish you had a man who tended your father's cattle; or would you go to the barn and see for yourself? Would you not go often whether you heard any report or not? Which are of the most importance, your cattle or your children? Some say, "We have something else to do and can't stop to visit schools." If that be true, should they not have something else to talk about, something that they have investigated more thoroughly?

Teachers are human beings and need the support and sympathy of the parents. The school should be made as pleasant as the home. It is too often made, as one committee has expressed it, "A bone of contention at which the whole district is snapping." Parents who visit the schools and do acts of kindness to encourage the teacher and scholars, are sowing seeds of happiness which will grow up and bind parents and children closer together, and make life worth living.

Respectfully submitted, C. L. TRUE, Committee.





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